



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 238

Burnt, Malheur, Owyhee, and Powder River Basin Water Optimization Feasibility Study Act of 2001

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on May 16, 2001*

S. 238 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct studies on the use of water in the basins of the Burnt River, Malheur River, Owyhee River, and Powder River in Oregon. CBO estimates these studies would cost about \$500,000. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation, CBO expects the federal government would share this cost with the state of Oregon, local counties, and certain irrigation districts. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, implementing S. 238 would cost \$250,000 over the 2002-2003 period. Enacting S. 238 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 238 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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